

DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

REMOVAL OF COSTLY POSTOFFICE RECORDS

Officials Puzzled by Scarcity of Applicants for Positions as Stenographers for the Philippines—Mr. Frank Flynt, Who Has Been Ill, Is Convalescent.

The moving of the Postoffice Department records from the old building to the new was completed this week. The General Land Office occupies the whole of the former post office building and by this annual clearing it gains five additional rooms. The files of the Postoffice Department have been stored in the basement of the old building since the department was moved to Pennsylvania Avenue, but room has been found for them in the new building. A large corps of transmitters were employed to do the moving. The vacated rooms are being prepared for the use of one of the divisions of the Land Office.

Mr. Edward Boykin, of the Census Bureau, is a popular young North Carolinian, who has been in the Government service for about two years. He came from Raleigh, the capital of the Tar Heel State. Mr. Boykin is a son of the late Judge Boykin, of the circuit Court of North Carolina, and is a well trained and competent man. He was a member of the Second North Carolina Regiment in the Spanish-American war and had service in Cuba.

The lack of stenographers puzzles the Government officials. For nearly two years the Government has been offering inducements to expert stenographers to go to the Philippines. The pay is good and the situations permanent, but few have closed overtures. A large number of young men are now studying, however, with the idea of being transferred to the new printing office in Manila, where combination compositors and stenographers are in demand.

Prof. R. T. Hill, whose expedition to the island of Martinique is matter of interest all over the world, was a newspaper man in his early days. He had some lively experience in the breezy State of Texas. He was distinguished in the newspaper offices as in the Government service for enterprise and originality.

Mr. Frank Flynt, of the forestry division of the General Land Office, is able to be out after having been confined to his home for several weeks with rheumatism. Mr. Flynt's many friends gave him a warm reception when he resumed his place. Mr. Flynt has been in the office in various positions for several years, coming from Georgia during the incumbency of Hoke Smith as Secretary of the Interior. The work of the forestry division is increasing rapidly. Much attention is now being devoted to the preservation of forests.

Mr. Frank Wallace, one of the most pleasant and competent young men connected with the big Government Printing Office, has been stationed at the Agricultural Department as foreman of the branch office. He has been in the main office for several years and won his promotion by distinguished fidelity and complete knowledge of the business.

The Agricultural branch of the Printing Office is a busy place. About sixteen people are employed there. The office is in the basement of the Agricultural building and it is a model of its kind. A vast amount of the lighter work of the department is done there, including the smaller bulletins, the stationery, labels, blanks for all sorts of reports, and the instructions to correspondents. The item of envelopes is a surprisingly large one in the department and the little print shop in the basement turns out about 8,000,000 of them a year, printed for the various branches of the work.

One of the good veterans in the Interior Department is Mr. H. H. Specht, of the Land Office, division of the recorder. He came from Pennsylvania about twelve years ago. Mr. Specht has an unmistakable badge of service, bearing on his person the marks of eight bullets. All of the eight wounds were serious. He was badly wounded at Gettysburg and that done of lead ended his active service. He was a member of the 124th Pennsylvania Regiment. Mr. Specht is an enthusiastic member of Encampment 69, U. V. L.

Mr. J. H. Hendrix, foreman of the document room of the Agricultural Department, has been having a big house-cleaning. The year book of the department is being published, and it is expected that about 36,000 volumes will be dumped into the little wooden building at once. There is not a great deal of space in the room, and it is already crowded.

The year book this year will contain about 1,000 pages, and will be more comprehensive than ever before. The increased demand for the books of the department, and the increase of matter in them, can be estimated from the fact that until 1895 the annual report was the principal publication, and it was about half the size of the current year book. The year book published in 1892 was about half as large as the present one.

Mr. Charles W. Bell, a compositor in the Department of Agriculture branch of the Government Printing Office, is one of Alexandria's most solid citizens. He is a Virginian by birth and cannot get out of the good habit of being a Virginian.

"The Commodore," as Mr. Bell is generally known, is an entertainer of the highest degree and delights to take his friends for a ride down the river. He is often to be seen with a lot of companions and he never fails to be the best of hosts. He is jack-of-all-trades and is handy with all tools. The "Commodore" is the proprietor of a fine yacht and often carries parties of his friends for a river ride.

For several months there has been active inquiry for the flag which gave Sergeant Jasper his fame at Fort Moultrie during the Revolution. The story

BRITISH PREPARE TO QUIT CHALMETTE CAMP

The Pro-Seer Sentiment in Louisiana Brought About Change of Base of Operations.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—The work of winding up the British mule station or camp at Port Chalmette is going on rapidly here, and the shipments are being sent to all parts of the country and Canada. The characters of nearly all the transients assigned to New Orleans have been changed to other points.

The British officers at Chalmette were notified today that the destination of eight transports, all of which were under orders to New Orleans, has been changed. One of these will go to Pensacola, Fla.; another to Philadelphia; another to Portland, Me.; two to Montreal, one to Quebec, and two to St. John, Nova Scotia.

GEN. WOOD TO LIVE ABOARD KANAWHA

To Make Boat His Headquarters for Present.

Former Governor General Speaks in High Terms of President Palma.

Gen. Leonard Wood, who has just returned from Cuba, has determined to live aboard the Kanawha until June 1, when she goes out of commission. The prospect of a Congressional investigation of the Cuban accounts does not in the least perturb the former governor general.

"The money expended was all properly vouched for," said General Wood. "The records are open to all. There is nothing whatever to conceal."

The wines purchased, he said, were used in official entertainments, occasions at which it was not customary to offer guests sand or boards. Speaking of General Wood's administration, General Wood said:

"President Palma is beloved throughout Cuba. He is a high-minded, careful, and capable official, and in my opinion will have the complete support of his party and the Cuban people. The question of consent is an important one, and I have no doubt President Palma fully appreciates the situation when he refrains from committing himself too strongly to the payment of the obligations of the Cuban army."

"When the Cubans took hold of the government they did so just as the United States relinquished its control. It was just as if the War Department worked until noon, and then suddenly stopped."

GAVE LIFE IN ATTEMPT TO SAVE VALUABLES

Mrs. Lewis Rushed Into a Smoke-Filled Room.

To Save Silver Watch and \$16.06 in Cash, She Met Death in Burning House.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—In an attempt to save her little silver watch and \$16.06 in money during a fire at her home, 704 North Second Street, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Benjamin Lewis was cut off from escape and was burned to death. Three times the firemen and police tried to reach the room to which the unfortunate woman had fled, but each time they were driven back by fire and smoke.

When every other expedient had failed firemen of Engine Company No. 21 cut a hole in the roof and entered the room, where the terribly burned body of Mrs. Lewis was found. Her clothing had been burned away, but in her hands she held the valuables that had tempted her to risk her life.

Mrs. Lewis was still alive but was unconscious when found. She was covered with a rubber blanket to hide her burns from her family and was placed in the Seventh district patrol wagon. The wagon started for the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, but Mrs. Lewis died before reaching there.

Damages from the fire to the Lewis dwelling and house furnishings store amounted to \$1,000. It started in a shed adjoining the store on the rear and is supposed to have originated from a gasoline stove.

It was shortly before 3 o'clock, while Mrs. Lewis was on the front pavement, that she noticed a cloud of smoke in the back of his store. Calling to his wife, Mr. Lewis seized his two small children and carried them outside. When he returned to the stairway he was driven back by the dense smoke rolling down.

The women upstairs dashed to the front window, and the two friends climbed to the awning and had reached the next house when they heard Mrs. Lewis cry: "We are ruined." It is supposed the women then ran up to the third-story room to save her valuables. There she was overcome by smoke and burned.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Appointment and Promotions of Teachers Announced.

At a meeting of the Board of Education last night, considerable routine business was transacted.

The following appointments and promotions were announced: Miss Elizabeth Haworth as teacher of mathematics in the Central High School at a salary of \$750, vice Miss Louise Saxton, resigned; Miss J. L. Ditto, from \$600 to \$650; Sarah Simons, from \$550 to \$600; M. C. Hawes, from \$250 to \$350; Mrs. J. C. Butler, from \$300 to \$325, and Miss Sara Graham, from \$375 to \$380.

The following were announced as the successful candidates in the examination for positions as kindergarten teachers: Miss Fern Horkin, Dorothea B. Moselle, Miss Estelle Church, Elizabeth Edicott, Grace M. Janney, Bertha M. Tecker, Mabel D. Williamson, Hope M. Soule, and A. Grace Clifton.

EDISON PERFECTS A STORAGE BATTERY

For Pleasure Driving as Well as Heavy Trucking.

PROPEL STREET CARS, TOO

Wizard Expects to Prove His Newest Invention Commercially Practicable. Tests Successful Under Severe Conditions—Yacht Propulsion Next.

ORANGE, N. J., May 29.—Thomas A. Edison said today that he had solved, by his new storage battery, the problem of long-distance pleasure driving, as well as of trucking. He said he had achieved a source of power for running automobiles which will give a great many miles without renewal, will not require expensive care, will not depreciate, and will not weigh more than the vehicle it propels.

Since he invented his storage battery a year ago he has been at work improving it, and in the new battery he believes he has obtained something which will be commercially practicable. Mr. Edison believes that now it is an assured fact that an automobile may run the miles without recharging the battery.

Experiments Successfully Made.

"I sent my two men," said Mr. Edison today, "out on the road and told them to run the machine over some rough roads and tackle a few bad hills. Well, they did it. They ran sixty-two miles, took seventy-five hills, with grades ranging from 2 to 12 per cent; went through some big holes, and came back with 83 per cent of the speed they went out with, and the voltage had decreased only seven volts from the original twenty-nine."

"That was fairly good, but it did not satisfy me. I told them to go out again, and they started Monday, when the roads were heavy from rain. Their instructions were to run the battery machine until she stopped, and they did eighty-five miles, before she stopped."

To Try Street Car Batteries.

Vehicles can be charged for a run of twenty miles in forty minutes. Mr. Edison says, or a whole night may be taken to charge for a long run. He will equip several pleasure carriages, as well as heavy trucks, with the battery, and subject them to every conceivable test.

Mr. Edison proposes taking up the question of street car traction, believing his battery will be successful in that field. The battery will also be applied to launches, and possibly to small yachts.

SUFFERERS STARVING AT MORNE ROUGE

Priest Wrote to American Consul for Help.

Forgotten by Administration—Transporting Refugees From Grande Riviere, Macouba, and Passe Pointe.

FORT DE FRANCE, May 29.—The government steamer Topaz arrived here yesterday morning from Grande Riviere, bringing 225 refugees from that place. About 400 of the inhabitants were left behind, but they will be here tomorrow, as will also the residents of other northern towns.

A priest at Morne Rouge has sent a letter to Mr. Ayne, the American consul, stating that people of that place have been starving since May 8. The administration has sent no supplies to them.

The town lies eight miles north of St. Pierre. It is situated inland and communication with it has been cut off. The vegetation has been killed and the animals are dying for want of food. The people are living on the dried food-stuffs found in the stores.

The priest appeals to Mr. Ayne to relieve them.

Prof. Hill of the American geographic commission, attempted to ascend Mont Pelée Monday, but an eruption prevented him. He states that the eruptions will continue for an indefinite time.

The indications are that dangerous gases exploded aerially. The mountain has emitted molten rhyolite. The combustion of gases partly explains the sudden death of the people of St. Pierre. Prof. Hill's conclusions.

Messrs. Kennan and Jacass, concerning whose whereabouts considerable anxiety was felt, are safe at Morne Rouge.

ROSEAU, Dominica, May 29.—The captain of a vessel which arrived here at 9 o'clock yesterday reports that he noticed a great volume of thick, black smoke coming from Morne Pelée, and that he saw the volcano rolling down.

From the quantity of dust that fell on the ship he is of the opinion that the volcano is again in eruption.

Charged With Stealing Jewelry.

BALTIMORE, May 29.—Mrs. Sallie E. McCall, aged thirty-seven years, of Philadelphia, is in custody of the Central police station. She is charged with the larceny of jewelry, deeds, and securities valued at over \$20,000, the property of Caroline Bradstreet, also of Philadelphia. The only information the police could elicit from her beyond the fact that she had the alleged stolen goods, was that she "had as much right to them as some other people." She expressed a willingness to return to Philadelphia without requisition papers.

GREATLY ALARMED.

By a Persistent Cough, but Permanently Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. H. P. Barlage, a student at law, in Greenville, S. C., had been troubled for four or five years with a continuous cough, which was aggravated by colds, causing me to fear that I was in the first stage of consumption. Mr. Barlage, having seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised, concluded to try it. He read what he says of it: "I soon felt a remarkable change, and after using two bottles of the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I was cured. Sold by Henry Evans, Wholesale and Retail, and all druggists."

CAMERA CLUB AND ART DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT

Excellent Showing of Drawings, Paintings, and Photographs at Eastern High School.

The exhibits of the Camera Club and of the art department at the Eastern High School last night, from 8 to 10 p. m., proved a grand success. A large crowd, among whom was Dr. Lane, the principal of the high school, attending to view the efforts of the youthful photographers and artists.

It was the fourth annual exhibit of the club, and the number of pictures shown was estimated at about 250. Of this number about one-half were the property of the club. The photographs in the exhibit comprised carbon pictures, all the property of the club; blue prints, and photos.

The officers of the Camera Club are: President, Mr. George Vinak; vice president, Miss Frances Miller, secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. H. Hogan. The exhibition committee consisted of Chairman Craig, Mr. Hunt, and Miss Brock.

No prizes were offered, in view of the rather late reorganization of the club for the present year.

SENATORS MAY "CALL" THE HOUSE "BLUFF"

Members Worried About the Anti-liquor Amendment.

Alleged That Wearers of the Toga Are Getting All the Drinks and Paying Nothing.

Members of the House are said to be worried because of the possibility that the immigration bill may be adopted by the Senate in the shape in which it passed the House, prohibition amendment and all.

When the House adopted the amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicants in the Capitol building, no one ever had any idea that it would receive the serious consideration of the Senate. But since then word has been passed down the line that the prohibitionists of the Senate will push the thing along, and that some other members of the upper body who are tired of having this "bluff" as they regard it, thrown at them by the House annually, are inclined to "call" it. As a result, there was quite a pilgrimage from the House to the Senate side yesterday and today of those who fear that they may be taken in by the word.

The consequence is that just now the Senate restaurant is doing the bulk of the business, and Senators are spending but little money. They are enjoying a pretty good thing, and for the present refuse to commit themselves on the situation.

CHICAGO STREET CAR WORKERS TAKE ACTION

Demand That Companies Recognize the Union.

Vote to Strike "as a Last Resort" If the Officials Ignore the Resolution.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Eight hundred employees of the Union Traction Company came out boldly last night in favor of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. They passed resolutions requesting the company to withdraw all opposition to the organization, asking that all employees discharged for joining the union be reinstated, and urged the selection of an arbitration committee to adjust all grievances.

A committee was appointed to wait on President Roach today and present the resolutions.

The possibility of calling a strike was not referred to, except as "a weapon of last resort." According to the sentiment expressed, the men will not strike if President Roach will accord them the right to organize and from assurances received from Franklin McVeagh, after a conference with Mr. Roach yesterday the men believe he will do that.

Mayor Harrison also promised to confer with Mr. Roach and see if he could bring the opposing factions together.

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Canvas Cloth, Cheviots, Homespuns, Coverts, and Venetian Cloths, 52 to 56 inches wide. These goods are all wool and sold for 75c, 89c, and \$1.00 a yard. They are all popular shades, including black. We'll make a great sacrifice for Friday only, at yard..... 59c

A lot of odds and ends in Lawn and Poreale Wrappers, in light and dark effect, with fitted waist lining. This season's styles. The sizes are 40, 42, 44, and 46. They have been selling at \$1.48 and \$1.25. To close quickly we've marked them for Friday only..... 69c

Large Size Crochet Quilts, hemmed, ready for use—several designs—our 65c quality. For Friday only..... 49c

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